



Superior Court of California County of Orange

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Orange County Superior Court Judges Vote to Approve the MOA That Will Allow for the Marshal / Sheriffs Merger on July 1, 2000

Santa Ana - At a meeting today, Orange County Superior Court judges adopted a resolution that approves the contents of a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) on the Marshal / Sheriff Merger and supports a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors to abolish the Office of the Marshal and to transfer the court-related services provided by the Marshal within the County to the Sheriff's Department, announced Presiding Judge C. Robert Jameson.

"The Marshal has done a great job serving the security needs of the Court. This is a cost-savings measure that will result in an estimated \$1.3 million savings per year to the taxpayers," said Judge Jameson. He added, "The Court will also have greater flexibility in securing additional officers when needed for security issues because the Sheriff's Department has 3,200 employees, compared to 500 for the Marshal's Department."

With the merger, Orange County joins many counties across the state that have brought courthouse security under the control of a sheriff's department. Last August 1999, representatives of the affected agencies and the Association of Deputy Marshals of Orange County met and reached agreement on the Orange County provision for inclusion in SB 1196, a bill that was signed by the Governor on October 10, 1999, that establishes the framework for the Sheriff/Marshall merger in Orange County and other counties throughout the state. Provisions covering employee issues and impacts were addressed in the Sheriff/Marshall Merger, Labor Issues Agreement that was signed February 1, 2000.

It is expected that the Orange County Board of Supervisors will vote on the proposed merger later this month.

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